



Remarks

The Examiner has indicated that pending Claims 1 and 4-6 are allowable as documented in the Notice of Allowability mailed December 20, 2006.

The Examiner, however, has requested that "A new oath, declaration or application data sheet is required ..." because the:

Applicant has amended (on 6/7/02) the Continuing Data on the first page of the instant Specification to claim priority for foreign application 91 08386.5 (Great Britain, filed 4/16/91).

Examiner's Amendment pg. 3. The Applicants respectfully suggest that sufficient evidence is currently on the record such that the priority claim is clear. Nonetheless, without acquiescing to the Examiner's argument but to further the prosecution, Applicants have provided a Supplemental Data Sheet providing the requested notation to the Great Britain application.

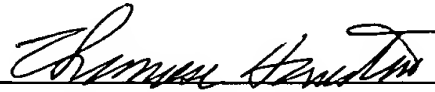
During this process, the Applicants noted an inadvertent typographical error in the specification's priority statement which is amended herein. Further, the Examiner is kindly requested to ignore an initial Supplemental Data Sheet mailed December 27, 2006 in conjunction with a Power of Attorney and Notice of Recordation. This initial Supplemental Data Sheet was later determined to contain inadvertent typographical errors and the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner place on the record the Supplemental Data Sheet attached to this communication.

The Applicants will fully comply with the Notice of Allowance in a further communication containing the Issue Fee and requested Formal Drawings.

Conclusion

The Applicants believe that the amendments set forth above comply with the Examiner's requests. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect.

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